

REMARKS

This application was previously submitted on August 2, 2006 as a US National Phase Application of PCT Application No. PCT/IL2005/000142. There are 67 claims pending in the application. Claim 5 has been amended to change the range of force applied by the motion mechanism. Claims 8 and 36 have been amended to correct typographical errors and claims 51-67 are new.

Support for the amendment to claim 5 can be found on page 31, line 18 of the application as filed.

Claims 51-65 have been added to the application in order to claim inventions to which the Applicants feel they are entitled. Claims 51 and 66 are directed to a rehabilitation system for exercising a patient in two different places with two rehabilitation devices. These claims are closely related to patentable claim 1, which is a method of rehabilitation using such a system. With respect to claim 51, it should be noted that the two rehabilitation devices do not have to operate in exactly the same fashion (e.g. one provides motion in 2DOF and the other 3DOF), and hence each machine has its own operational setting, even though the actuator used by each device is the same. Applicants further note that claims 51 and claims 53 are not inconsistent with respect to the degrees of freedom provided. It should be understood that the second actuator mechanism, while capable of providing motion "in at least three degrees of freedom of motion", does not have to provide movement in all of the at least three degrees of freedom during exercise.

Regarding claims 66 and 67, these are directed to a system which is comprised of two rehabilitation devices at different locations, one of which is motorized and the other which is provided with movement only through the efforts of a patient. Optionally, the actuator of the first device is controlled by a software-programmed controller.

Applicants note that claims 1-14 are indicated in the Written Opinion as meeting the criteria of PCT Articles 33(2) - 33(4).

In view of the favorable Written Opinion, applicants submit that at least claims 1-14 of the application are in condition for allowance. A notice thereof is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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